

liam Jones, John Clay, James Oliver and Richard Treadwell of  
 Baltimore County William Banks Walls, John Metcalf, John Row,  
 Josias Talburt, John Alexander Brown, Christian Shock, John  
 Weaver, William Drown, Alexander Crawford, Richard Bealle,  
 Jacob Sharrer, Robert Martin, John Ross Mellan, John Waters,  
 Frederick Clabough, Thomas Witten, George Henback and Thomas  
 Davis of Frederick County Samuel Owens, William Ford, John  
 Kennerly Thomas Phillips and Arthur Marshall of Somerset County  
 Stephen Bissell, Mitchell King, Thomas Butler, William Handcock,  
 John Benson, George Gear, Daniel Handcock, John Permwel,  
 Ezekiel Claywell, Joshua Wheeler, David M<sup>c</sup>Cluer, Solomon Small-  
 wood Jonathan Dyer, John Baker, Philip Gutterie, Christopher God-  
 love Schoglamer and John Cornwell of Worcester County Richard  
 Blackburn Jackson, Thomas Davis, Robert Porter, David Covenover  
 and Griffith Williams of Cæcil County Nicholas Bowdle Hezekiah  
 M<sup>c</sup>Cotter and Robert Parkinson of Dorchester County George Har-  
 rington, William Dockery, Joseph Nevill, William Horn, Thomas  
 Farrell and Joseph Harris of Queen Anns County William Green-  
 wood, Benjamin Steed, Robert Phillips, John Briscoe and Patrick  
 Dugan of Kent County Benjamin Buckler, John Dart, Alexander  
 Anderson and Edward Power of S.<sup>t</sup> Marys County and John Long  
 of Baltimore County by their Petitions to this General Assembly  
 have set forth That they have respectively continued Prisoners for  
 Debt in the Custody of the Sheriffs of the respective Counties afore-  
 said for a considerable Time Past and still continue in the like  
 deplorable Circumstances not being able to redeem their Bodies with  
 all the Estate or Interest they have in the World which they would  
 readily surrender up and part with to their several and respective  
 Creditors if they would accept of the same and grant the said Peti-  
 tioners their Liberty which sums so unlikely for them to obtain that  
 (unless relieved by a particular Act to be passed in their favour  
 which by their said Petitions they have humbly prayed) they must  
 inevitably continue Prisoners for Life And as the Allegations of the  
 said Petitioners appear to this General Assembly to be true and that  
 their lying Goal can be of no Advantage to their Creditors it is  
 humbly prayed that the said Petitioners may be relieved according to  
 their Prayers and that it may be Enacted

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And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary  
 by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and  
 the upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the  
 same That in Case the said Prisoners shall deliver up and Surrender  
 or cause to be delivered up and Surrendered to the Sheriffs of the  
 respective Counties aforesaid in the Presence of two Justices of the  
 Peace of the Counties aforesaid whom the said Sheriffs are hereby  
 required to summon at the request of the said Prisoners at some  
 convenient Time after the end of this Session of Assembly all their

[Prisoners  
to be dis-  
charged on  
delivering up  
their Effects,  
on Oath]